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Sir:

AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Responsive to the Advisory Action dated June 8, 2007, kindly enter the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figure is attached following page 10 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0046] with the following amended paragraph:

As with the carrier layer 12, the collection layer 30 has first and second longitudinally extending sides ~~32 and 34~~ 33 and 35 (see FIGURE 2) and first and second transversely extending end edges 36 and 40.

Please replace paragraph [0070] with the following amended paragraph:

[0070] In an exemplary illustration of how the present invention is utilized and referring generally to FIGURES 1 and 2, a user of the form (“user” may include an end user, intermediate user, preparer, manufacturer or any of them or others that come into contact with the form) detaches the marginal stub of each of the layers or plies of the assembly along lines of weakness 72, 74 and [[67]] 76. The user would record information relevant to the collection in area 81 and the information would transfer by way of a carbon sheet 67, carbonless system or other transfer means, to the underlying envelope or collection layer 30 so as to create a record of the transaction. The production of the duplicate image may occur through the use of carbon paper, carbonless coatings, thermal transfer or other means known and used in the industry. The user would then detach the recordation ply [[60]] 54 for filing and record retention relating to the collection.

Please replace paragraph [0072] with the following amended paragraph:

[0072] Additional indicia may be imaged or recorded at 83 and the collection device or sample is then inserted into envelope 30 and the envelope is sealed using one of the sealing closures 50 and 52. Prior to placing the sample or collection assembly within the envelope 30, the label on the collection device or sample is matched with the label on the collection envelope 82 to insure integrity of the collection process. The collection envelope 30 may or

may not still be attached via adhesive 66 and 64 to the remaining portion of the recordation ~~layer 60~~ ply 54 and carrier layer 12, or the envelope may have been detached along line of weakness 48 from the assembly prior to sealing.

Please replace paragraph [0074] with the following amended paragraph:

[0074] On receipt, say for instance by a laboratory that is to conduct an analysis of the sample, the first envelope 12 is opened and the second envelope 30 is removed. The indicia on labels 82 and 84 are compared to make sure a match of the two labels is positive. If the integrity is confirmed, the sample or collection device is removed by opening the second envelope through one of the lines of weakness 46 and the label 80 from the sample or collection device obtained from the recordation ~~layer 60~~ ply 54 is compared with the label 82 on the second envelope 30. If accurate, the laboratory can prove the chain of custody and commence review of the sample material.